

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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Submissions for the Friday Bulletin should be sent to linda.thibodeau@alaska.gov and may be edited for content and length if used.

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SLAM BUILDING ON SCHEDULE AND ON BUDGET

Director Linda Thibodeau and Deputy Director Bob Banghart were on KINY's [Action Line program on 2/13/2015](#) to discuss the current progress of the State Library Archives Museum (SLAM) Building. Our building is approaching its final size. Bob Banghart noted the project was on budget and on schedule to be completed in May 2016.

For more information about the SLAM Building project, visit <http://lam.alaska.gov/slam>

LISTEN ALASKA BIG LIBRARY READ: SHAKESPEARE SAVED MY LIFE

If you live in a [Listen Alaska Plus community](#), you can join us for Overdrive's [Big Library Read](#), their global digital book club where millions of people from around the world have the ability to read the same eBook at the same time. This time around, ListenAlaska Plus users will be able to read *Shakespeare Saved My Life: Ten Years in Solitary with the Bard*, by Laura Bates, without any wait lists or holds.

At [Listen Alaska Plus](#), the title will be available from March 17 through April 1 simultaneously for users who would like to join. During the week of March 23, Overdrive will also be doing a Twitter chat with Bates, where readers will be able to ask her questions about her book and her personal and professional life.

[*Shakespeare Saved my Life*](#) is Bates' autobiography about working with inmates in solitary confinement, teaching them the works of William Shakespeare. Her fascinating life's story is sure to captivate you as she shares the unlikely friendship she formed with Larry Newton, a convicted murderer with multiple escape attempts to his name.

This edition of Big Library Read has been made possible by Sourcebooks, Inc., who have enabled us to make *Shakespeare Saved my Life* available to more than 30,000 libraries and schools worldwide. Join us and Overdrive users worldwide in reading this enthralling tale starting March 17 and discover how books can change lives!

THE FY2015 E-RATE FILING WINDOW IS OPEN UNTIL MARCH 26, 2015

The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) is currently receiving applications (Form 471) for USF/E-rate support for library phone & Internet bills, as well as Internal Connections, Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections, and Managed Broadband Services. The deadline for submitting these applications is March 26, but the application for new services can be submitted any time after a 28 day waiting period that begins with filing the procurement Form 470 (which solicits bids). Applications should be made online and the USAC portal for online applications is: <http://www.sl.universalservice.org/menu.asp>

Valerie Oliver and Lynn Hallquist are available at the Alaska State Library to answer questions as you navigate this application process. erate@alaska.gov will connect you with Valerie and Lynn at the Alaska State Library. They also offer period webinar assistance on how to successfully file for E-rate. Additional guidance can be found on the Alaska State Library E-rate webpage at http://www.library.state.ak.us/erate/erate_home.html

E-rate funding can mean 60-90% discounts on your Phone and Internet monthly bills, as well as a budget for infrastructure upgrades necessary to keep your internal network function for your staff and patrons. The budget can even be used to maintain that network for you. You also can receive assistance directly from USAC either from their informative website <http://www.usac.org/sl/default.aspx> or from their help desk 1-888-203-8100.

STAFF TUTORIALS ON OWL HARDWARE AVAILABLE

If you work in an OWL library, don't forget that we have tutorials for some of your software and equipment at http://library.alaska.gov/dev/OWL_Staff_Tutorials.html. If you plan to add printers or install different software on your public computers, be sure to check out the Deep Freeze tutorials. Unless you "thaw" the public computers, your installs will not take.

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WASILLA PUBLIC LIBRARY: QR CODE FOR STORYTIME NEWSLETTER

We recently learned that Wasilla Public Library uses a QR Code to link to their storytime newsletters. Scan the code below with your phone based QR scanner and you'll get taken to their latest newsletter at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5E5vVMCCEuNbkRWTUVPTUJRY2c/view?pli=1>



For more about QR codes, visit the 23 Mobile Things Alaska lesson and discussion at <http://www.alaskalibrary.net/forum/showthread.php?tid=12> . If your library, archives or museums uses QR codes for any purpose, we'd like to know.

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HOW TO TELL WHAT NOVEL YOU ARE IN

The humor site “The Toast” features a series called [How to Tell What Novel You're In](#) that will likely appeal to any lover of literature. Recent entries have included:

- [How To Tell If You Are In A Victor Hugo Novel](#)
- [How To Tell If You Are In A Soft Science Fiction Novel](#)
- [How To Tell If You Are In A High Fantasy Novel](#)

Hat tip to Maeghan Kearney for this item.

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